

DIRECT EXAMINATION

Q (By Lieutenant Raff) Will you state your name, grade, organization, and your present assignment?

A Basilio Hernandez, Major, AGA; presently Chief of Casualty Division, AGO.

Q Where do you live?

A In Manila; 949 Benavides, Santa Cruz, Manila.

Q Major, were you with the American and Filipino forces at the time of the surrender in April, 1942, on Bataan?

A Yes, I was.

Q Now, based on the records presently in the A. G. Office, and from your knowledge, having been on Bataan at the time of the surrender, can you tell the Commission the number of Filipinos, Philippine Army forces, in Bataan at the time of the surrender?

A Approximately 53,000.

Q Will you repeat that?

A Approximately 53,000.

Q Can you estimate the number of Philippine Scouts that were in Bataan at that time?

A I quite remember there were 12,000 Philippine Scouts before the outbreak of the war. I understand they were all committed to Bataan at the date of surrender, but I can't tell the exact number at the date of surrender. I know they were committed before the date of surrender.

Q Can you give us an estimate?

A Around six or seven thousand.

LIEUTENANT RAFF: You may cross examine.

CAPTAIN OTT: No cross examination.

GENERAL DONOVAN: Any questions by the Commission?

(No response.)

GENERAL DONOVAN: The witness is excused.

(Witness excused).

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Alva C. Carpenter, Chief, Legal Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, do hereby certify that Document 2879 is a true and correct copy of the transcript of the testimony offered by BASILIO HERNANDEZ in the trial of the case against Masaharu HOMMA, General, Imperial Japanese Army, before a Military Commission in Manila; and that the whole record of the case, including the transcript of all testimonies taken, as well as the affidavits admitted in evidence, are now on file with this Section.

/s/ Alva C. Carpenter  
Alva C. Carpenter,  
Chief, Legal Section

Witness: /s/ John R. Pritchard

Sworn to before me this 21st day  
of November 1946, Tokyo, Japan.

John R. Pritchard  
Capt., Inf.  
Summary Court.



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直接 訊問

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問 (ラッ)中尉ヨリ)貴方、氏名、階級、所屬部隊及現在、勤務ヲ述ヘテ下サイ。

答 「バジリオ・ヘルナンデス」軍務局 <sup>T.N.</sup> <sup>AGA IN ENG</sup> <sup>Doc. IS AN</sup> <sup>ERROR</sup> 陸軍少佐、現在軍務局死傷者部長デス。

問 住所ハドナラデスカ

答 「マニラ」デス。「マニラ」「サント・ワルス」「ベナワイ」デス。九四九番地デス。

問 「バタアン」ニ於テ一九四二年四月、降伏當時貴方、米軍及比軍ト共ニ居ミシタカ

答 はい、居リミシタ。

問 ソレデハ現在軍務局ニ存在スル記録ニ基キ又貴方、降伏當時「バタアン」ニ居タラデスカ。貴方、知識ニ依リ右降伏當時「バタアン」ニ居ッタ「フィリッピン」軍隊「フィリッピン」人ノ人員ヲ委員會ニ申述セルコトホ出来ヌスカ。

答 大凡ソ五万三千人デス。

問 モ一度言ッテ下サイ。

答 大凡ソ五万三千人デス。

問 當時「バタアン」ニ居タ「フィリッピン」スカウト、數ハ大凡ソド、位カ言ヘニスカ

答 戦争勃発前ニハ一万二千、<sup>ヲ確ニ記憶シテオリマス。</sup>「フィリッピン」スカウトホ居タコト降伏、日ニ彼等ハ全部「バタアン」ニ送ラレテキタコトヲ聞テキミタ。降伏、日ニ於ケル正確ナ人數ハ知リマセン。彼等が降伏、日以前ニ送ラレタコトヲ私ハ知ツ居リマス。

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問 大尉、何カ言フコトハ有ラセシカ

答 六、七人位デス

「ラ、中尉、及對訊問ヲナサツテ下サイ」

「オ、大尉、及對訊問スルコトハアリマセシ」

「ド、ワアン、將官、何カ委員會カラ聞クコトハアリマセシカ」

(應答ナシ)

「ド、ワアン、將官、証人退廷ニテヨロシイ」

(証人退廷)



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證明書

本官、即ち聯合國最高司令官、總司令部、法務部長  
「アルヴァ・シー・カーペンター」ハ文書第二八九号ハ「マニラ」軍  
事本員會ニ依リテ行ヘル日本帝國陸軍中將本間雅晴ニ對ス  
ル裁判ニ於ケル「バシリオ・ベルナンデス」ハ陳述セル證言、記録  
ノ真正ナル寫本タル事、並ビニ録取セラレタル總テ、證言  
記録及ビ證據トシテ認メラレタル口供書ヲ含ム本件ノ記録  
全部ガ當部ニ現在保管シタル事ヲ證明スル

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一九四六年十一月二十一日 日本、東京ニ於テ

余、面前ニ於テ宣誓セリ

即決裁判所

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